HOW JOY AND GLADNESS CAME TO MRS MAILLORY

It was Christmas Eve. The snow, which had been falling all day now table for her mistress' inspection of turned to rain. The dreary drizzle her jewels that should have the power lent a chill to the air.

room window, held back the dark vel-vet curtains and looked out on the white fingers. silent avenue. There were few fedes-trians in sight. Now and then a carand the watcher at the window caught glimpses of the dainty raiment of the occupants as they whirled ment of the occupants as they whirled ment of the occupants as they whirled gave them their wedding silver."

"My nephew should not have sent me this," she said sharply. "He cannot afford it. It was only because I gave them their wedding silver."

Christmas festivity.
"Christmas festivity!" she repeated aloud, and her voice was low and tense and expressed her pent up scorn and weariness of the whole Christmas

She stood thus for a few moments staring out into the night. damask portiere was pushed aside with a quick, light motion, and a slim, neatly attired maid appeared in the doorway. Her eyes fairly danced with delight, and though she spoke with a demure dignity it was evident that something highly pleasing to her

fancy was afoot.
"Does it please you that I come in now, madam?" she asked, with a quaint little accent that would at once mark her Parislenne—had her trim appearance not already done so. Mrs. Maillory turned slowly from the win-

but her manner was entirely baughty and indifferent. She crossed the room and sat in a large armchair of rare Italian hand-carved wood. The pale violet lamp screen on the table beside her shed a soft light, and the rose light from the great open fire caught a gleam now and then from the jewels on her fingers. It was a curious light, the combination of the rose and violet, but it was almost wierdly lovely. Mrs. Maillory was a beautiful woman—a stern, classic beauty. The folds of her black velvet gown fell about her in simple stately grace; white against the dark chair. Her ir was gray about the temples, and

of invitations, and was keeping or Christmas Eve as was her cus having her giffs brought to her there in the dimiy-lighted drawing-room. Her husband was keeping his Christmas five, as was his custom, in

the great derse forest. Mr. Maillory was what the world calls an upright man-honored on the street, of a flint-like integrity in his business. His word was as good as a bond. He sible luxury, excepting the one priceless luxury for which a woman would sacrifice all others-friendship and comradeship. These he reserved for a few old friends, men who had been through fluancial battles with him, who had shared his college frolics and

That afternoon he had hurrled in. gathered up his hunting traps and started off. He had given his wife a check-a princely sum-and said: "Just buy yourself a little trinket. Victoria, my dear, and have a nice

time at the Van Arden's tonight."
"If he had only bought me a little comething himself." she thought, sad-"If it were only a few flowers!"

Janette came in, followed by a footman in gorgeous livery carrying a large number of little packages of all shapes and sizes. He came several times and arranged the packages as Janette directed. The maid was all little flutterings and happiness and flitted from this box to that



in a perfect whirlwind of jey. This was a rare treat, opening Madame's

nt i, chill to the air.

Mrs. Mailiory stood at her drawing Mailiory looked at them indifferently,

the maid laid before her a wrap of Boston Globe.

was lost in raptures over a firmly matinee of real lace and hand-painted

"Oh, the exquisite 'mouse.' " she cried, with more enthusiasm than knowledge of correct English.

Mrs. Maillory smiled little at the maid's quaint happiness in the gifts. She was rather fond of Janette and was often amused at the girl's extravagant expressions. Janette wan a happy, care-free soul and aiways ready to cater to her every mood.

She ran'to her mistress with a veritable little squeal of pleasure as she untied one box. It was a fine gold necklace with a butterfly pendant, frail, jewelled, delicate as a breeze. Mrs. Maillory read the card and her face turned pale.

"Cat!" she whispered.

The gift was from a woman whom "Yes, Janette, you may bring in— my Christmas gifts." There was a trace of frony in the last two words, tions of her own, had persistently clung to Mrs. Maillory, and had used ber name as the entree into many fashionable gatherings. looked at the jewel, Mrs. Maillory could have crushed its delicate beauty in her hand.

the baby brother. The child had showed this pink ribbon proudly to the visitor; her "Sunday ribbon," she

The great lady fingered the solled, gaudy piece of pink cambric and rib-bon gently, almost reverently, and there were tears in her voice as she said softly;

"Her one treasure, her bit of a ribbou-she gave it to me-she gave it to me because it is Christmas."

With a sob that was half joy, half orrow, she laid her head over on the queer, shabby little offering and wept away all the grief and lonely heart. ache, for in the gift of a little child She frowned with displeasure as she had found her real Chrismas .--



A TOY TRAGEDY.

She came to bleage some pirtie. From far across the sea. Her locks were dark and curty;

A pretty doll was she Her hair was like the ravens wind, with tendrils prone to curt and cling.

They put her in a stocking.

And coldly left her there

Between -oh, it was shocking -.

A tiger and a bear. Of course, she spent a dreadful night
And Christmas morn her hair way white;
-Louisville Courier-Journal

MADONNA IN CONTEMPLATION.



The stately footman came into the room, the picture of shocked dignity. fanette was about to take the brown out stiffy before him, then started back with a little scream.

"The impertinence!" she cried. "What does this mean?" asked Mrs. Maillory, haughtily, "A yery ragged little girl left this

awful package, madam. She insisted on its being given to you," "Bring it to me." The footman gave the srumpled

bundle to his mistress. "Misses Malry," was written in round, childish scrawl, A strange

feeling came over the woman.
"You may go," she said to Janetto
and the man, and the maid withdrew reluctantly.
When the hard knots of the string were finally taken off, Mrs. Maillory exclaimed in surprise. A little note, written in the same childish hand,

was pinned to the curious pink cambric square. The note ran:
"Dear Misses Malry: You don't
know me but you cam to our house a wile ago and brot things when Jonnie the baby had mesles. You wus good to us, and we like you. We wish you a mery Chrismus. The thing I made you is for your hankerchuf.

"MAMIE O'DONNELL." "What does the child mean?" thought Mrs. Maillory in great sur-

The she remembered. The O'Don-neils were on her charity list. She Johned at the gift. It was a pink cam-brie square, the four corners turned back and tied with a ribbon. The gittches were large and the ribbon ald she looked closely at the ribbon at had been used, evidently as a half ribbon. Buddenly a thought came to

Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house Not a creature was stirring—not even a paper parcel which the irate man held. The stockings were hung by the chimney

In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there.



CHRISTMAS MENU
Olives Celery
Opter Jour Cranberry Jelly
Regif Turkey Cranberry Jelly
Mathed Fotalogs
Bolked Nacaroni and Chaese
Stuffed Inspers with Rice
Bolled Onions
Tomato and Lettuce Salad
French Dressing Sudding
Christmas Holaries Fruit Budding
Christmas Coffee Raisins Christmes !

teers of the provisional government, has been thrown intradarm by a sudden realization of the strength of the government army against which General Estrada, the leader of the insurgents, had been supposed to have been making irresistible gadway. Estrada apparently has been hoodwinked by Zelaya and so be would be surprised if the latter is troops should appear before the ty at any hour. Estrada is boping for timely aid from the United Stipes.

A saft correspondent of The As-

according to General Clarence R. Edwards, chief of the bureau of insular affairs, in his annual report Sunday to the Secretary of War. As to whether this is to be done as a whole or by individual merit is a matter of detail,

Trees For the Yuletide.

Washington, Special.—Does the Yuletide with its demand for Christmas trees prove a menace to the American forests? This question is asked of the United Btates forestry service. The subject has received the serious consideration of the forestry bureau and the reply has been sent out that there need be no danger of destruction if the cutting of young evergreens for Christmas trees is done with discrimination.

Pire Loss About \$5,000.

Lexington, Special.—A more careful survey of the damage wrought Sunday night by the fire which destroyed the J. F. Hedrick livery stables shows that Mr. Hedrick is out about \$5,000. He carried \$2,000 in surface. A very large quantity of feed, including over 100 bushels of corn, was burned. Not a thing was saved from the flames but the office of life and limb.

Mrs. Reids Cause Advocated. Washington, Special.-The Bilt more postoffice affair has evidenly reached the White House and made reached the White House and made some sort of an impression on the President. The appointment of Luther, Representative Grant's man, should have been sent to the Senate Monday, but it did not appear. Evidently somebody at Asheville is putting up a bitter fight for Mrs. Reid, the woman who held the job. Senator Overman will hold up the confirmation should the name go in, until the real state of affairs can be accertained.

TAR HEEL CHRONICLES

Parts of the Old North State. News Storm Center of The

VARYING ESTIMATES SITUTION

Day.

a Detour, Would Strike Bluefields,

Washington, Special. — Disquiting news received from Nicaragua at the State Department from official and unofficial sources to the effect that there is danger of an attack by President Zelaya's forces being made on Bluefields, where there are 150 Americans, resulted in orders being sent by wirless to the protected bis crime and had him arrested. How sent by wirless to the protected his crime and had him arrested. How-erniser Tacoma with ten guns on and some years ago sreved a term on board and a full complement of blue the county roads for fornication and jackets, to proceed under full steam to Bluefields, there to join the Des ber of children living in this county Moines and await further orders.

The Prarie, now at Philadelphia, has been ordered to take on board seven hundred marines under the command of Colonel Biddle and steam as soon as possible to Colon. The importance and significance of these orders are minimized at the

A dispatch of Saturday says: This city of Bluefields, the headquarteers of the provisional government,

from the United Styles.

A staff correspondent of The Associated Press who recently arrived here has canvassed the situation and finds it less hopeful for the insurgents than has being a patch however says, it is the option of Panamans that Preside Zeid is riding for a falliberately washing a bout he is deliberately washing a bout intervention by the Very says and the says a surface of Nicaragua is riding for a falliberately washing a bout intervention by the Very States having chosen

This group has grown enormous y

by threats of charge of treason be-fore packed courts and juries and had for drilling and other purposes in the them shot as traitors. A break was shops here, made when Zelaya refused to be fair in the distribution of the spoils.

with discrimination.

News Notes Gathered From Al

Alleged to Have Two Wives. Kinston, Special.-Phillip H. Howard was arrested Thursday night by Sheriff Nunn and placed in jail to News That Zelays Would Avoid an await the coming of an officer from Engagement at Rama and, Making Cheraw, S. C., where he is wanted to answer to the charge of bigamy. The woman with whom Howard is alleged to have contracted the bigamous mar-

Wife of Chief Justice Clark Dead.

Raleigh, Special.—Mrs. Clark, wife of Chief Justice Walter Clark of the North Carolina Supreme Court, died State Department, where it is said at noon Friday. She had been criti-the Tacoma has been instructed to cally ill with pneumonia for several look out for Araerican interests at days, but there was such improvement during the past 24 hours that two of her brothers, Maj. John W. Graham of Hillsboro and Dr. George W. Graham of Charlotte, had left for their homes, assured that she had good prospect for recovery. However, a sinking spell, such as she had perienced several times in the past few days, came on and there was not left sufficient vitality for her to rally from its effects. Mrs. Clark was 53 years old. She was the daughter of Hon. W. A. Graham, one of the most distinguished men in the early his-distinguished men in the early his-tory of the State. She is survived by her distinguished husband, seven of two things is emphasized. First, reher distinguished husband, seven

Methodist Appointments.

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Charlotte, Special.—Somewhat of a shakenp in Methodist circles was created here Wednesday when, after communicating with Bishop, James that Preside Zele of Nicaragua is riding for a fall that he is deliberately waring, bring about intervention by the least of States, having closen humilistion in the past sixten years, during which time Zelava bas been in power, according to the suttements of men now on the isthmus who are conversant with affairs in that republic, Ninearagua has been ruled by a group of eight daring, clever and conseence less men, who have looked upon the country as their own personal property.

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Southern Railway Shops Install Big

This group has grown enormous y rich by a systematized pillage of the revenues of the States and of individuals. It is estimated that Zelaya is worth about \$20,000,000 gold, most of which he has invested in Brussels and London.

It is said that when these men wanted a piece of property they offered about one tenth of its value and forced them to take their offer hy threats of charge of treason be-Air Compressing Plant. Spencer, Special.—What is believ-

Tobacco Fair Abandoned.

Durham, Special.—The tobacco men, board of trade and merchants' Citisenship For Porto Ricans.
Washington, Special.—Citizenship, without serious inconvenience to the individual, should be extended to those who desire it in Porto Rico, siasm, but a growing belief that the siasm, but a growing belief that the finest weed to be sold here, has been brought, or a part of the best, it was deemed unfair to those who raised an occasional barn of brag tobacco and sold it for \$35 a hundred, should lose the right to compete.

Pire Loss About \$5,000.

Fell From Power Pole.

Charlotte, Special.—J. Laurin Jones, whose home is said to be in Durham, is at the Presbyterian Hospital as the result of a fall from a pole of the Southern Power Company near Pineville, eleven miles south of near Pineville, eleven miles south of Charlotte. The young man's hold was loosened by an almost fatal shock received in the right arm while he was high in mid air. It is believed the fall saved his life, for the strength of the current was such that more than momentary contach would certainly have meant death. Jones' arm was broken by the fall.

dianapolis, Ind., resulted in a mistrial, late Saturday afternoon entered a plea of guilty of voluntary man-slaughter, appealing to the mercy of the court for a minimum prison term. The case was reopened before Judge Lea in circuit court at the instance of the attorneys for Ellis.

Sues Pather-in-Law For \$50,000.

Mach County Plant Burned.

Spring Hope, Special.—The plant of the Nash County Manufecturing Company, which was burned to the

UNCLE SAM SHOULD ACT! ICE TRUST FOUND

Corporations Should be Forced to Report.

SECRETARY NAGAL'S REPORT.

A Pederal System of Statutory Publicity, the Secretary Believes, is the Prime Need

Washington, Special.-Legislation to create a department of the government which would do for the whole country what the bureau of corporations has been doing in specific instances, and compel complete publicity in the management of inter-the first emvision, under the processate corporations, is one of the Donnelly set, which was leading recommendations contained 133504 to 1853 and took chief to in the annual report of the Secretary of Commerce and Labor made public | third-mittagt to period the Ameristamp out the white slave trade, which the secretary says is an organized and extensive business, is the other.

The secretary recommends the fur-Sunday. Newer and tighter laws to

ther development of the bureau of corporations. At the end of this fiscal year, the department still has on hand investigations of the lumber and steel industries, the International Harvester Company, concentration of waterpower ownership, transportation by water in the United States. It was still continuing its investigations of the tobacco industry, the operation of cotton exchanges and State systems of corporate taxation.

On the subject of government control of the fiscal and industrial forces, Secretary Nagel says some liable information upon which the government may take legislative and administrative action and second, reliable information in a concise and

Erie, Pa., Special.-With her flag at half-mast the State flisheries boat Commodore commanding, brought to this port late Sunday the dead and frozen bodies of nine of the crew of the Bessemer and Marquette ferry No. 2, which left Coneant, O., Tuesday morning, carying 32 men and which probably foundered in the middle of Lake Erie.

For the past 48 hours the Commodore Perry has been scouring the waters of eastern Lake Erie for the traces of the car ferry but until a tiny ten-man yawl was slighted 15 miles off this port at 11 o'clock Sun-day had almost given up hope of being able to ever tell a portion of the story of the fate of the big car ferry. As the Perry came abreast of the drifting and half water-logged yawl he men gathered at the side of the fish boat saw that they had arived too late. The nine occupants of the boat, which was marked "Bessemer and Marquette No. 4," were frozen stiff in death. Taking the yawl in tow the Perry made all steam for this port,

Sets His Sister on Fire. Luray, Special.—Miss Lillie Goche-nour, 17-year-old daughter of Mr. Daniel Gochenour, of this county, was horribly burned all over her body Tuesday morning
The Gochenour family arose early

and the young girl was assisting her mother in the preparation of the morning meal. A little brother play-fully remarked: "I'll burn you up," and, suiting the action to the word, applied a lighted match to the lower part of her clothes

Ellis Pleads Guilty.

Little Rock, Ark., Special.—W. Y. Ellis of Pine Bluff, Ark., whose trial on a charge of murder in connection with the killing of N. P. Willis of In-dianapolis, Ind., resulted in a mis-trial, late Saturday afternoon enter-

Sues Pather-in-Law For \$50,000. Charlotte, N. C., Special.—Sur Benerson against his father-in-law, a weathey citizen of Baltimore, Md, and it is understood that in the civil suit which will follow in the source of Mecklenburg the plaintiff will seek danges in the sam of \$50,000 alleging the alienation of his wife and

GUILTY AND FINED

Judgo Wheeler Gergets \$5000 is The Limit

SMALL DEALERS DRIVED CUT

After Nine Weeks the very Renched a Verdict in One Loue and Ferty Minutes-First Conviction Under

Ten Years Old. New York City .- The American Ice Company-the Ice Trast-was found guilty in the Criminal Dranch of the Supreme Court of violating the artimenopoly law of this Einte. It was 1800-ten years ago. And it ver, by a coincidence, the third-the Lacky ena le. Company under Cint en

of the Indicinient;
First—"For Color an act purcuint to and to and toward and for the consummation of an encouragement where-by compatition" in the product on t

sale of its "was or might have been restrained or prevented."
Third—"An attempt to create a monopoly, and of delegants for the consummation thereof."

The second count in the in Reiment, which was thrown out by Justice Wheeler in his charge to the jury, charged the fee company with maiding or attempting to make the alleged itlegal "arrangement" of the time of its incorporation. That was in lau-period outlawed by the statute of lurflations, which saledled every ining done by the trust prior to two years of the time of its indicapant.

It took the jury an hoar and forty minutes to return the verdice.

The court imposed the maximum rensity—a \$5000 fine. There could be no sentence of imprisonment, be-

cause the company was indicted as a corporation.
In addressing the jury, Prosecuting

Attorney Osborne said: ... They drove out every solikary "They drove out crary solitary dealer they could with the exception of a blind man. One of their managers, Winson, said he would put out of business the lame and the half and that he would be blamed if he would put out a blind man would force, hat by teaching as well.

"This presecution is the first, for pioneer prosecution brought under this anti-monopoly law, though it has been on the statute hook since 1598. Every day since then has been someone clas's day except the people's. I

one clas's day except the people's. I one cise's day except the people's. I have myself seen these things going on from year to year and have longed for the day that it could be put before a jury. Your verdict in this case is going to make history. It will be another declaration of independence, and will teach the lesson of hope to have who would be independent in

men who would be independent in business if they could." Justice Wheeler said after the ver-dict that it would be impossible to predict accurately the result that

would follow the imposition of the "I regret that I could not make the penalty more," he said, "but other things may be looked for. I believe that the conviction will have a healthful effect and serve as a warning to similar offenders. I understand that there is a civil suit now pending before the Appellate Division, in which is involved the Beense of the Ameris involved the license of the American to do business in this State, and this verdict may justify the Executive in revoking that license without more ado. Mr. Stanchfield himself told the jury that a conviction would mean the death of the company and an irreparable injury to its many stockholders."

SCHOOL BAN ON DIRTY FACES.

Cleanliness Added to Curriculum in

Racine Public Senools. Racine, Wis. — Children who attend the Racine public schools will have to appear with their faces clean. This was the order issued to tenchers

This was the order issued to tenchers in all the schools, after a meeting of the Board of Education, at which teachers in some of the foreign districts complained of the appearance of some children in the classes.

The board decided to order 1000 towels and half a ton of some, to be distributed about the various schools. When any child appears in school with a soiled physiognomy he will be sent to the basement to scrub his countenance. Failure to clean the face will bring punishment.

S,S78,277 DALES GINNED.

Census Durcau Gives Amount From the Growth of 1900 to December 1. the Growth of 1900 to December 1.

Washington, D. C.—There were 8,878,277 running bales of cotton ginned from the growth of 1900 to December 1, as compared with 11.008,661 for 1908, according to a bulletin of the Cennus Eureau.

These figures count round as half bales and exclude linters. They stand against 8,343,356 for 1907 and 74,10.027,868 for 1906. The proportion of the last thase crops ginned to December 1 is 84.1 per cent. for 1904, 75.5 per cent. for 1904.